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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIONINITIATIVES IN TANKER SAFETY AND
POLLUTION PREVENTION (TSPP); PARTICPATION BY PANAMA IN
LONDON PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE AT IMCO FEB. 6-17, 1978

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S REPORTING ON PANAMA'S
REACTION TO THE ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES ON TSPP. IT
REVEALS THAT PANAMA OFFICIALS HAVE A BASIC MISUNDERSTANDING
ABOUT THEIR VOTING RIGHTS AT IMCO AND AT THE INTERNATIONAL
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULED AT IMCO FEB 6-17, 1978.

2. FIRSTLY PANAMA HAS NOT LOST ITS VOTING RIGHTS IN IMCO.
THE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE DEPRIVED PANAMA OF ITS
VOTING RIGHTS IN THE IMCO ASSEMBLY AND SUBORDINATE BODIES
WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE 10TH ASSEMBLY. DISFRANCHISEMENT
WAS DEFERRED TO THE 11TH ASSEMBLY WITH AN EXHORTATION TO

TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH DELIQUENT STATES WHEREBY THEY CAN BEGIN TO PAY THEIR ARREARS BY INSTALLMENTS. IN THAT CONNECTION THE EFFORT, REPORTED IN YOUR PARA 3, BY PANAMA TO BUDGET THIS YEAR FOR PAYMENT OF HALF OF ITS ARREARS IS GOOD NEWS WHICH WILL BE WELCOMED BY IMCO.

3. SECONDLY, VOTING RIGHTS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ARE NOT GOVERNED BY ARTICLE 42 OF THE CHARTER. PANAMA COULD ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE TSPP CONFERENCE FEB. 6-17 EVEN IF IT HAD BEEN DISFRANCHISED IN IMCO REGULAR SESSIONS BECAUSE OF ITS DELIQUENCY IN PAYMENT OF ITS IMCO ASSESSMENTS.

4. THEREFORE, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOP THAT THEY HAVE VOTING RIGHTS, BOTH AT IMCO AND TSPP, AND URGE THEM PARTICIPATE IN THE FEBRUARY CONFERENCE.

5. FYI: PANAMA RANKS SEVENTH IN THE WORLD IN GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE (GRT). IN IMCO GRT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE NOT ONLY IN ASSESSMENTS BUT ALSO, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY IN THIS CASE, ON THE COMING INTO FORCE OF IMCO CONVENTION. (THE FORMULA FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TWO CONVENTIONS IN QUESTION (SOLAS 74 AND MARPOL 73) REQUIRES THE RATIFICATION OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING STATES THAT HAVE ONE HALF OF THE WORLD'S GRT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MERCHANT FLEET)). ALTHOUGH PANAMA'S TONNAGE IS ALMOST "FLAG OF CONVENIENCE" REGISTRY ITS SIGNATURE AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE AND LATER RATIFICATION OF THE TSPP PROTOCOLS, WOULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE. AS THE STATE OF REGISTRY OF 19,458,000 GRT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING AS OF JUNE 30, 1977 PANAMA OWES IT TO ITSELF, TO IMCO, AND TO THE OWNERS OF ITS SHIPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEBRUARY CONFERENCE ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION. END FYI.

6. THE TIME REMAINING FOR A MARITIME AUTHORITY TO FAMILIARIZE ITSELF WITH THE TSPP DOCUMENTATION IT WOEFULLY BRIEF, BUT DEPARTMENT HAS SENT EMBASSY AN ADDITIONAL COPY OF THE FINAL REPORT OF MSC/MEPC.

7. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF PANAMA'S REACTION TO THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IT HAS NO VOTING RIGHTS PROBLEM, AND TO ITS INTENTION CONCERNING ATTENDANCE AT THE FEBRUARY CONFERENCE. TELEGRAMS SHOULD BE REPEATED TO AMEMBASSY LONDON FOR INFORMATION. CHRISTOPHER

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